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Neil Shafer Given Highest Honor At 2004 NLG Bash!



Longtime Numismatic News columnist, Whitman staffer and world paper money expert Neil Shafer was given the highest honor of the Numismatic Literary Guild Aug. 19 during its annual Bash held in conjunction with the American Numismatic Association convention in Pittsburgh.

Presenting the award, as is the organization's tradition, was last year's recipient, Bill Fivaz. In his remarks, Fivaz noted Shafer's humor, talent and good fellowship and his passion to share a good joke or pun. Shafer's career has included being a teacher and a musician, but for 40 years he has labored in numismatics.

As an historical footnote, Fivaz noted that Shafer was also a friend of Clem Bailey, who was first to

receive the award in 1968 and for whom the award is named. Shafer was also editor for many years of the Standard Catalog of World Paper Money, a multi-volume guide published by Krause Publications.

In addition to passing out awards, the NLG is known for its late-night humor and satirical comedy sketches. This year former Mint director Jay Johnson participated, helping to explain the Mint's "Artistic Confusion" program and playing the role of late-night television salesman of the Quixotic Coin Network selling "Bigger Coins."

Scott Travers and Dave Bowers teamed to present special Karnak questions and answers. The best of these had the answer: Donald Trump and Scott Travers. The question, as divined by the all-seeing Karnak: Who is on the ticket of the Whig party this year?

Travers was clearly enjoying his new physical appearance. Wendell Wolka emceed as well as conducted his year in review while Pat Alexander played the wide-eyed non-collector trying to explain what she saw at the convention. Johnson and Wolka joined to sing "That Mule of Mine," a humorous take on the most famous muling error to surface in 2000 during Johnson's tenure as Mint director. NLG executive director Ed Reiter chimed in with two songs. The first was a Golden Oldie from 1998, "It was a Very Odd Year," sung to the tune of "It was a Very Good Year." The second was "A Few of My Favorite Dings," though he didn't sound like Julie Andrews.

Attendees don't stay up past midnight just for the gags. They also wait for the awards, a list of which can be found on pages 6 & 7.

by David Harper



Part of the Motley Crew at this year's NLG Bash!

(Photos courtesy of Krause)

Director's Message by Ed Reiter



Another ANA convention – excuse me, another World's Fair of Money – has come and gone, and once again I find myself reflecting on many enjoyable moments from that event as we head into the NLG equivalent of baseball's "off-season." Those memories will kindle lots of nostalgic conversations during the Guild's version of the winter "Hot-Stove League."

The ANA convention in Pittsburgh gave me a chance to get together with many old friends, and also to meet several new ones. Camaraderie has always been one of the biggest benefits of NLG membership, and I appreciate it more and more with every passing year.

Our annual symposium and Bash were both top-flight this year.

Symposium moderator Scott Travers put together a blue-ribbon panel to discuss the current state of numismatic auctions and auction catalogs. Three preeminent auction firms were represented by the speakers: David T. Alexander, senior cataloger for Stack's; Q. David Bowers, numismatic director of American Numismatic Rarities LLC; and Gregory J. Rohan, president of Heritage Capital Corp. The discussion provided fascinating insights into the way auctions are cataloged in this fast-paced Computer Age, including spirited give-and-take remarks about the relative

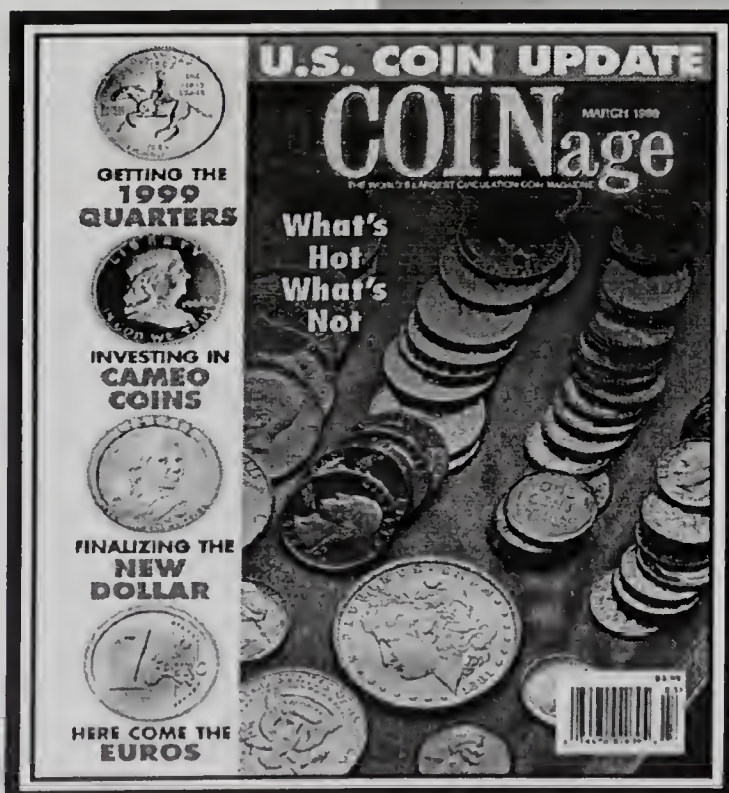
merits of traditional printed catalogs and the increasingly common on-line versions. The audience, though modest in size, was larger than usual for this annual event – and I hope that favorable word of mouth from those who did attend will help boost the turnout for next year's symposium in San Jose.

Scott deserves great credit for coming up with consistently interesting symposium themes and speakers – and I, for one, can't wait to see what he'll do for an encore next year. It will be difficult to top the Pittsburgh program. This year's Bash got a late start because of an unfortunate conflict with an ANA event – but a delicious buffet helped Bash-goers pass the time before the show began. Again this year, the costs of the buffet and award plaques were underwritten by

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The Story Behind "The Story"

By Beth Deisher

Had not a young reporter in Roanoke, Va., doggedly pursued a seemingly small detail, the long-missing Walton specimen of the 1913 Liberty Head 5-cent coin may never have been "found" and authenticated. Certainly not in July 2003!

Mason Adams, a general assignment reporter with *The Roanoke Times*, suggests that a good deal of luck was involved. But seasoned writers also note that underlying the luck was just good, fundamental journalism.

Adams had been working at *The Roanoke Times* barely a month when an Associated Press story broke over the Memorial Day 2003 weekend about a New Hampshire auction firm (Bowers and Merena) guaranteeing up to \$1 million if the missing nickel were found and sold by it at auction.

The newspaper published the wire story on an inside page. The next day a reader called to point out that the story had a local connection. The AP story referred to Walton as a North Carolina coin dealer. The reader said Walton had at one time lived in Roanoke and that some of his family still lived in the area.

Adams drew the assignment to do a follow-up story on the local angle to the national story. With the help of the newspaper's librarian and clippings in its morgue, he began to understand that there was indeed a local story.

Adams spotted my name in the AP story and called to ask if

Coin World could provide copies of any stories we had published on Walton and the five Liberty Head nickels. After explaining that *Coin World* had published many stories about the missing 1913 Liberty nickel, I agreed to photocopy and send to him via fax some of the most detailed stories, including several major



pieces written in 1993 when Reed Hawn (through the

American Numismatic Association) had offered a \$10,000 reward to anyone who located the missing coin. I recalled that in 1993 Richard Giedroyc of our staff had located and interviewed Walton's sister-in-law, Lucille, who lived in Roanoke, and an attorney who had represented her husband, Charles, when George Walton's estate was being disbursed.

Adams found that the attorney had died but that Lucille Walton was alive and living in a nursing home in the Roanoke area. He talked with her and she mentioned that another relative still lived in the area.

Adams' attempts to reach that relative by phone were not bearing fruit, so he decided to



drive out to the relative's house. No one was home. Adams wrote a note and left it in the door. Days went by before he received a phone call.

Adams learned that the relative had a few items from George's estate that had been passed through the family, including a 1913 Liberty Head nickel that had been declared by experts to be an altered date. Adams thought that a picture of the altered coin would be good to use with the story he was writing. He convinced the relative to bring the coin to the newspaper office so that it could be photographed. The relative did not want to be identified in the story or in the photograph, which disclosed only partial facial details.

Adams' story was published in the Sunday, June 15, issue. After reading the online version, I called Adams to inquire whether he could put me in contact with the Walton relative who had custody of the altered coin. True to the journalistic credo of protecting his source, Adams said he could not give me the name or phone number, but would contact the relative and relate that I was interested in learning more about the coin.

In late June I was busy trying to convince Smithsonian Institution officials that they should allow the Norweb specimen of the 1913 Liberty Head nickel to be displayed with the other three known specimens during the upcoming ANA convention in Baltimore. Ten

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Editor's Notes *by Michael Sedgwick*

Through the years numismatists have, by definition, been used to seeing things in black and white. Gold and silver, yes that too, but certainly mainly in monochromes. Much to the chagrin of some, we now have the entry of, and growing interest in, colored coins as they become popular in the modern commemorative area of collecting.

It seems appropriate therefore to bring a little color to the NLG Newsletter. Why – well, because we can!!

Your editor has very recently expanded his activities beyond those of representing the Royal Mint and of running a full service mailing company, and acting as editor of the NLG Newsletter! Taking over a small local printing business has proved an exhilarating challenge, especially when combined with plans we already had in place to

add a Xerox Docucolor digital printer to the equipment list.

This exciting piece of apparatus – and no, Xerox benefit me nothing for this unintended promotional blurb – means that we can now produce short run color in very economical terms with the selection of a few keys, once layout is complete. So here it is!!

It is, however, important to make it clear that – printing aside - the newsletter doesn't write itself! To this end, grateful appreciation must go to the help of Beth Deisher, Dave Harper, Ed Reiter and Scott Travers for their important contributions. Kudos' also to David Lange for his award for the best article in last year's newsletters.

Maybe there will be an added attraction to potential contributors to be represented within these pages in glowing color. Here's hoping! Meanwhile here is our very first color effort. We hope you like it, and that you will also recognize our efforts to bring you the latest news of NLG affairs in black and white.



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days or so had gone by since I had talked with Adams and I assumed I would not hear from George Walton's relative.

The phone rang in my office. The person said that Mason Adams relayed my interest in George Walton and his coin collection. I explained about the attempt to reunite the four known nickels and suggested that the altered-date Walton specimen was part of the lore. I asked if it would be possible to loan the coin for the display in Baltimore. The relative didn't seem to be very keen on the idea, but agreed to "think about it." We agreed to talk again soon.

Immediately after talking with the Walton relative, I contacted Donn Pearlman and Steve Bobbitt, both of whom I had been working with on the "1913 Liberty Head

reunion." They thought it was a great idea and shared the possibility with others at ANA who were working on the display.

The next day, the Walton relative called again. This time the conversation was much more reflective, about the man George Walton, and about the coin. I learned it had been kept in a small box in a closet for years. But the relative had often taken it out and looked at it, compared it to photographs of genuine 1913 Liberty Head nickels. The relative had decided to have it professionally photographed and said a copy would soon be sent to *Coin World*. On July 10, as I went through a stack of mail that had been put on my desk while I had been away from the office for a week, I found an 8-by-10 envelope containing a good photocopy of the photograph

of a 1913 Liberty Head 5-cent coin. Attached was a brief note and phone number where I could contact the Walton relative.

I was astounded when I saw the photograph. The coin looked more like the four genuine coins than any of the thousands of coins and images that had flowed into our office after the AP story went around the world in May. I immediately called the number and the Walton relative answered. I learned that another Walton relative had scanned the photo and digitally overlaid it with images of the Eliasberg and Norweb specimens that were available on *Coin World's* Web site. They were said to be "perfect matches." Also, the Walton relatives had been in contact with ANA officials and had tentatively agreed to loan their

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Rusty Goe

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"United States Pattern Coins, Experimental and Trial Pieces"

edited by **Q. David Bowers**;

pricing coordinated by

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"Standard Catalog of U.S. Paper Money, 22nd Edition"

Chester L. Krause and

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James L. Halperin

and **Gregory J. Rohan**

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Coins:

"The World of Islamic Coins" **Jon**

Blackwell, COINage

Tokens & Medals:

"The Very Modern Medal"

David T. Alexander, COINage

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Ron Meyer, COINage

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"My Two Cents' Worth"

Ed Reiter, COINage

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Coins Magazine

November 2003

Robert R. Van Ryzin, Editor

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"Druid Hoard Provides Insight Into Celtic Time"

Chris Rudd, World Coin News

Tokens & Medals:

"Argentina Abounds With San Martin Medals"

Donald Dool, World Coin News

BEST COLUMN:

"The Other Side"

Phillip Davis, The Celator

BEST ISSUE:

World Coin News, June 2003,

David C. Harper, Editor

NON-PROFIT OR CLUB NUMISMATIC PUBLICATIONS

BEST ARTICLE, LARGE PUBLICATIONS:

"Hebrew Love Tokens,"

Simcha Kuritzky, Numismatist

BEST COLUMN, LARGE PUBLICATIONS:

"Early American Money"

John J. Kraljevich, Jr. Numismatist

BEST ISSUE,

LARGE PUBLICATIONS:

Numismatist,

November 2003,

Barbara Gregory, Editor

BEST ARTICLE, SMALL PUBLICATIONS:

"New Pidyon Haben Token

Discovered," Simcha Kuritzky, The Shekel

BEST COLUMN, SMALL PUBLICATIONS:

"ICTA Update"

Diane Piret, FUN Topics

BEST ISSUE, SMALL PUBLICATIONS:

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Winter 2003

Jim Best, Editor

NUMISMATIC NEWSPAPERS

BEST SPOT NEWS STORY OR CONTINUING COVERAGE OF DEVELOPING STORY IN NUMISMATICS:

"Found: Missing 1913 Liberty Head Nickel"

Coin World, Beth Deisher

BEST ARTICLE OR SERIES OF ARTICLES:

Coins:

"Spiked Heads"

Ken Potter, Numismatic News

Tokens & Medals:

"Step Right Up for Magnificent Circus Tokens"

Russell Rulau, Numismatic News

Paper Money:

"Knapp Family Had Banking Empire in Deposit, N.Y."

Tom Conklin, Bank Note Reporter

BEST COLUMN:

"The Joys of Collecting"

Q. David Bowers, Coin World

BEST ISSUE:

Bank Note Reporter

May 2004

David C. Harper, Editor

COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND INTERNET WEB SITES

BEST WEB SITE ARTICLE:

"Peace Dollar Model Had Special
Claim to Fame"

Ed Reiter

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"Coin Dealers Inventory
Control System"

Heritage Rare Coins

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"Chattanooga Money"

Dennis Schafluetzel

AUCTION CATALOGS

BEST AUCTION CATALOG, COINS AND CURRENCY: (tie)

"The Green Pond Collection of
Dahlonaga Gold"

Heritage Numismatic Auctions "John J.
Ford Jr. Collection, Part I"

Stack's

EXTRAORDINARY MERIT:

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Haig A. Koshkarian Collection"
American Numismatic Rarities,
LLC"

COMMERCIAL PUBLICATIONS

LEE MARTIN FOUNDER'S AWARD for Best Investment Newsletter:

Maurice Rosen

The Rosen Numismatic Advisory

BEST DEALER-PUBLISHED MAGAZINE OR NEWSPAPER:

Universal Coin & Bullion

Diamond Anniversary Issue

Michael R. Fuljenz

AUDIO-VISUAL

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David Lisot and

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Coin World, "Found: Missing 1913
Liberty Head Nickel"

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Neil Shafer

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1995	Beth Deisher
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1997	Alan Herbert
1998	Burnett Anderson
1999	Thomas K. DeLorey
2000	Wendell A. Wolka
2001	David C. Harper
2002	Scott A. Travers
2003	Bill Fivaz
2004	Neil Shafer



*Holiday Greetings to all NLG
Members and Friends!*

altered coin in its display case" for the exhibit in Baltimore.

I suggested that they should think about traveling to Baltimore and having experts there examine their coin, pointing out that the other four known coins would be there and the most knowledgeable people in the world would be there. What better opportunity would there be to determine once and for all the status of their coin?

The relative didn't immediately respond to my suggestion. Then came: "That's a Tuesday. I'm scheduled to work that day." To which I responded: "Don't you have a sick-day you could use?" "I'll see what I can do," was the response.

The phones were busy over the next two days as arrangements were made for the Walton relatives to bring their coin and meet with authentication experts at the Baltimore Convention Center around 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 29.

The rest, as Paul Harvey says, is history and reported in my story, "Found: Missing 1913 Liberty Head nickel," which won the Numismatic Literary Guild's 2004 award for top spot news story and also the James L. Miller Memorial Award.

We don't make acceptance speeches at NLG, but had I been given the opportunity, I would have thanked Mason Adams. He played a major role in helping to find the "long-lost" coin. We should all thank him for being a good journalist and going the extra mile to get his story.

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(Reiter, Cont. from page 2)

generous contributions from friends of the Guild. We're grateful for the continued support of these

benefactors – Heritage Capital Corp. and Intercept Shield.

It was gratifying to see Neil Shafer, a longtime member and supporter of the Guild, receive the Clemy Award from last year's winner, Bill Fivaz. Many were surprised to learn that Neil had never been a Clemy winner, since he has been a major figurer in numismatic writing and NLG activities for so many years. In 2005, he'll get to pick next year's winner.

Another award with particularly personal significance for me was the James L. Miller Memorial Award, a new honor established this year to recognize the longtime publisher of *COINage*, who died last November. Jim Miller would have been pleased with the judges' choice for the inaugural award, which recognized the best article published in any medium (including newspapers, magazines, newsletters and online Web sites) during the previous year. The award went to Beth Deisher for her outstanding *Coin World* article on the discovery of the missing fifth specimen of the 1913 Liberty Head nickel.

Interest in this year's Writers' Competition was exceptionally high and the entries were unusually strong. This reflects the growing importance people attach to NLG awards – and that, in turn, is a tribute to the hard work of contest coordinator Scott Travers, who makes the awards more meaningful by entrusting the decisions to first-class judges, including publishing experts from outside the numismatic field. One of those experts – Dorothy Harris, director of antiques and collectibles for Random House – personally presented a number of

the awards at the Pittsburgh Bash.

The NLG Board of Directors got two new members at the Pittsburgh convention. They are Jeff Shoop, the publisher of *COINage*, and Bob Van Ryzin, the editor of *Coins Magazine*. They replace Kari Stone and Wendell Wolka, who stepped down, in keeping with our bylaws, after completing two two-year terms. The three holdover members of the Board are Dave Alexander, Dave Harper and Bob Julian.

I'd like to thank Kari and Wendell for their service during the last four years, and welcome Jeff and Bob to the Board. I'd also like to thank our appointed officers for the great work they've done and continue to do. In addition to Scott Travers and Howard Berlin, these include our treasurer, Kay Lenker; our editor, Michael Sedgwick; and our legal counsel, David Ganz.

The Guild is stronger than ever as we enter our 36th year – and the memories keep getting better all the time!

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Scott A. Travers (left) accepts the "Best Numismatic Investment Book" award from Wendell Wolka for *The Coin Collector's Survival Manual, Revised 4th Edition*.



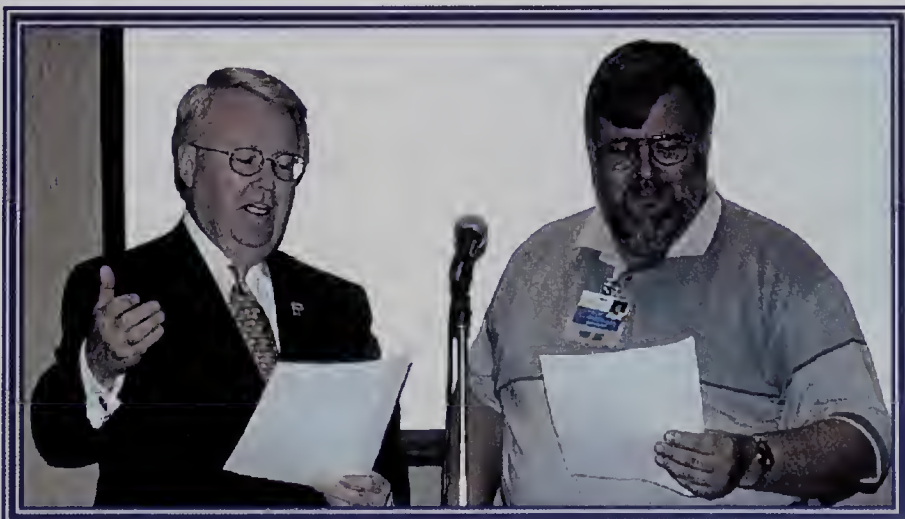
The "Best U.S. Coin Book" award was given for *United States Pattern Coins, Experimental and Trial Pieces*, edited by Q. David Bowers (right); pricing coordinated by Robert L. Hughes (left). NLG judge Dorothy Harris and Whitman Coin Products president Mary Counts look on.



Scott Travers, (left) Assists the ever popular Karnak – AKA Q. David Bowers In their routine at the 2004 NLG Bash.



Wendell Wolka (left) presents the award for Best Auction Catalog, Coins and Currency (tie) to Greg Rohan (center) for "The Green Pond Collection of Dahlenega Gold," Heritage Numismatic Auctions, and Lawrence Stack for "John J. Ford Jr. Collection, Part I," Stack's.



Jay Johnson, (left) gets into his stride in a routine with Wendell Wolka.

Why we should write for the NLG Newsletter

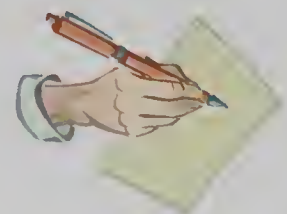
by Neil Shafer, NLG

It was a signal honor for me to have been awarded the very prestigious and highly coveted Clemy at this past ANA convention. And it was also rather a surprise as well, since I have not been particularly active with our group. It all brought forth a question that has periodically arisen, at least in my mind: the idea that so many of our NLG membership have also been on the inactive side, especially when it comes to the writing of articles for the Newsletter.

Several years ago I did one, and I received accolades as "the best writer for the Newsletter" at the time. That was a special case, and the article had to do with the sharing of some terrible puns I've been gathering over a long period of years. But then the question comes up as to the kind of numismatic article that would appeal to such a diverse membership. I think that the idea of what any of us would consider a suitable subject is the greatest obstacle to more widespread participation.

Winning the Clemy has brought this situation to the forefront for me. I, for one, would be very much interested in reading how other NLG members began our wonderful and truly unique numismatic journey.

There's a lot I could say about how I went from rank beginner to advanced amateur and beyond, but that can all wait for another time. Of more importance would be my first attempts at numismatic research and writing: some of that story I'll cover in the next NLG Newsletter. Meanwhile I would certainly welcome similar input from anyone and everyone - how about it, folks?



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The Signal, a newspaper in Santa Clarita, Calif., is looking for someone to write a weekly coin column. Its last columnist, Alan Mendelson, had to give it up because of other demands on his time, and now the paper is seeking a replacement.

"Obviously, my preference would be someone local," said Leon Worden, multimedia editor of the paper. But he'll consider others as well. At this point, the newspaper's budget doesn't permit payment for the column.

Anyone interested should contact Worden at his e-mail address:

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He asks that those sending such e-mail put the words "Coin Column" in the subject line so it doesn't get lost among the spam.

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And scratches on quarters.
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Imparted by mortars.
Deeply gouged eagles
with digs on the wings.
These are a few of my favorite dings.

Body-bagged Walkers
From third-party graders
Stomped on by stalkers
And slashed by invaders.
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by arrows and slings.
These are a few of my favorite dings.

Don't want high grades,
All of my grades
Range from poor to fair.
I'm buying up coins
with my favorite dings
And my set's beyond compare.

Leon Lindheim, Banker, Columnist

Leon T. Lindheim, a retired bank executive who wrote "Coin-wise" columns for *The Plain Dealer* for more than 30 years, died Saturday July 17th at the age of 92.

He began writing his Sunday columns for coin collectors in the early 1960's. In the late '60's, he wrote a book, "Facts and Fictions About Coins."

From 1966 to 1978, Lindheim was a nationally syndicated columnist. He gave advice on the value of coins in *The Plain Dealer* through 1993.

Lindheim began his newspaper career long before he retired in 1976 as assistant to the chairman of Euclid National Bank.

The Cleveland native began working as a bank teller for Continental Bank after graduating from Dartmouth College in 1934. He was vice chairman of Continental before its merger with Euclid National. He was a treasurer of the Numismatic Literary Guild and served on the 1970 Annual Assay Commission. Lindheim volunteered his expertise with money matters as treasurer of Suburban Temple and president of the Hebrew Free Loan Association. He also was a trustee of the Cleveland Better Business Bureau, Consumer Credit Counseling Service, East End Neighborhood House and Jewish Vocational Services.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Isabelle; son, Robert of Chagrin Falls; daughter, Jeannie Shama of Boston; four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

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Bryon D. Kanzinger, token authority.

Civil War token enthusiast and researcher Bryon D. Kanzinger died at age 32 on Nov. 6, 2003 in Collegeville, Pa., reported the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. Melanoma was listed as cause of death.

In 2001 Kanzinger completed his 240-page reference book *The Civil War Token Collectors Guide*.

As vice president of the Civil War Token Society, he promoted and hosted the organization's first online meeting Dec. 10, 2002.

He also created the CWTS Hall of Fame, which inducted its first members during the 2003 American Numismatic Association World's Fair of Money convention. Kanzinger presented awards to the inductees.

According to the *Inquirer*, Kanzinger, a resident of Jeffersonville, Pa., was a senior manager at the Regal Marketplace theater complex in Upper Providence Township, Pa. In 1993 he graduated from Eastern University in St. David's, Pa., with a bachelor's degree in history and psychology.

Byron is survived by his parents, a brother and sister, his grandmother, and his companion, Cindy Jobbins.

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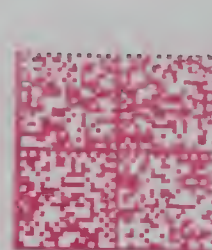
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